

# Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report

For Division DHS  
Through Periods 7/1/2017 -- 6/30/2018

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## Dependent Adult Abuse Program

The numbers reported in this report represent:

- Number of reports of suspected abuse the Department receives according to type of abuse defined in Iowa Code 235B.
- Number of reports of abuse accepted or rejected for evaluation or assessment.
- Whether the person who reported the abuse was required to report.
- Of those who were required to report the abuse, how many of each profession made reports.
- How many reports found the abuse occurred, did not occur or it occurred, but because the abuse was minor, isolated and not likely to reoccur was not placed on the central abuse registry.
- The number of reports founded, unfounded or confirmed, not registered of each type of abuse.
- How many dependent adults received which type of service after the report was completed.
- The number of persons responsible for the abuse held responsible legally or received services after the report was completed.

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Intake			
Accepted	Rejected	In Progress	Total
3684	4500	11	8195

**Column Name    Definition**

**Accepted** Total number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to go and evaluate or assess to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

**Rejected** Total number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

**In Progress** Open cases where the intake has not been accepted or rejected.

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Evaluation or Assessment				
Founded	Unfounded	Confirmed, Not Registered	In Progress	Total
450	2962	137	0	3549

**Column Name   Definition**

**Founded** Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred.

**Unfounded** Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were determined to have not occurred.

**Confirmed, Not Registered** Total number of reports evaluated or assessed that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

**In Progress** Open cases where the evaluation has not been accepted.

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<b>Summary of Intake Allegations</b>					
<b>Type of Abuse</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total Accepted</b>	<b>Total Rejected</b>	<b>% Accepted</b>	<b>% Rejected</b>
Denial of Critical Care	3439	1686	1753	49.03 %	50.97 %
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	2182	1060	1122	48.58 %	51.42 %
Exploitation	1623	584	1039	35.98 %	64.02 %
Physical Abuse	973	499	474	51.28 %	48.72 %
Sexual Abuse	222	69	153	31.08 %	68.92 %
<b>Total Allegations</b>	<b>8439</b>	<b>3898</b>	<b>4541</b>	<b>46.19 %</b>	<b>53.81 %</b>

**Column Name**   **Definition**

**Type of Abuse** Iowa Code 235B defines what abuse is. The types of abuse recognized in the Code are: Physical, sexual, exploitation, denial of critical care when there is a caretaker and denial of critical of care when the dependent adult is responsible.

**Total** Total number of accepted/rejected allegations made to the Department.

**Total Accepted** The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to evaluate or assess circumstances surrounding the allegation of abuse to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

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**% Accepted** The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

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<b>Types of Reporters</b>					
Type of Reporter	Total	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
AAA/ADRC	9	3	6	33.33 %	66.67 %
Anonymous	0	0	0	0.00 %	0.00 %
Financial Institution - Permissive	220	34	186	15.45 %	84.55 %
Hospital Social Worker	213	123	90	57.75 %	42.25 %
Known Permissive	3172	1088	2084	34.30 %	65.70 %
Licensed Psychologist	8	5	3	62.50 %	37.50 %
Nurse	1024	575	449	56.15 %	43.85 %
Other Medical Personnel	678	347	331	51.18 %	48.82 %
Other Mental Health Professional	154	77	77	50.00 %	50.00 %
Other Social Service Professional	1505	834	671	55.42 %	44.58 %
Parole/Probation Officer	9	5	4	55.56 %	44.44 %
Physician	186	119	67	63.98 %	36.02 %
Residential Staff	105	53	52	50.48 %	49.52 %
School Personnel	30	14	16	46.67 %	53.33 %
Sheriff/Deputy/Police Officer	381	194	187	50.92 %	49.08 %
Social Worker – non DHS	553	270	283	48.82 %	51.18 %
Social Worker –DHS	112	85	27	75.89 %	24.11 %
<b>Total Reporters</b>	<b>8359</b>	<b>3826</b>	<b>4533</b>	<b>45.77 %</b>	<b>54.23 %</b>

**Column Name** Definition

**Type of Reporter** Anyone may report suspected abuse or neglect; however, IA Code 235B mandates professionals who work with dependent adults to report suspected abuse. These reporters are called mandatory reporters. All other reporters are called permissive reporters. A Mandatory Reporter Reporting Permissively is a person who is mandatory reporter due to their employment, but they are reporting suspected abuse that occurred outside of their employment.

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**% Accepted** The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

**% Rejected** The percentage of the total reports rejected due to there not being an allegation of abuse, the person responsible for abuse is not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

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<b>Types of Mandatory Reporters</b>					
<b>Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total Accepted</b>	<b>Total Rejected</b>	<b>% Accepted</b>	<b>% Rejected</b>
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<b>Totals Mandatory Reporters</b>	<b>4967</b>	<b>2704</b>	<b>2263</b>	<b>54.44 %</b>	<b>45.56 %</b>

**Column Name Definition**

**Type of Mandatory Reporter** The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, health care, law enforcement, mental health and other.

**Total** Total number of accepted/rejected reports of suspected abuse received from each identified professionals.

**Total Accepted** Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were accepted for evaluation or assessment.

**Total Rejected** Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were rejected for evaluation or assessment due to not being a Code defined allegation of abuse, of the persons responsible for the abuse was not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

**% Accepted** Percentage of number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals accepted for evaluation or assessment.

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**% Rejected** Percentage of number of reports of abuse made by identified professionals rejected for evaluation or assessment.

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Outcomes of Accepted Allegations for Evaluation or Assessment						
Type of Abuse	Founded		Unfounded		Confirmed, Not Registered	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Physical Abuse	46	7.8%	479	81.3%	64	10.9%
Denial of Critical Care	146	7.7%	1622	85.6%	126	6.7%
Sexual Abuse	12	15.4%	66	84.6%	0	0.0%
Exploitation	226	32.1%	479	67.9%	0	0.0%
Denial of Critical Care Due to Adult's Actions	130	16.4%	662	83.6%	0	0.0%
Allegation Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	560		3308		190	

**Column Name    Definition**

**Founded Total**    The total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred in each category

**Founded Percentage**    Percentage of the total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred.

**Unfounded Total**    Total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

**Unfounded Percentage**    Percentage of total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

**Confirmed, Not Registered Total**    Total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

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### Recommendations For Services

Service	Total
Care/case management services (includes AAA/ADRC)	292
Caregiver support services	102
Education, employment and training services	12
Emergency assistance and material aid services	16
Financial planning services	39
In-home assistance services	273
Legal services referral	56
Medical and dental services	186
Mental health services	112
Public assistance benefits	78
Substance use services	19
Transportation	36
Victim services	7
Recommended service is unavailable in the subject's area	4
Periodic Visits	185
Other Services	419
None	2382

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### Perpetrator Legal Remedy

Remedy	Total
Recommendation of removal of guardianship rights	33
Recommendation of restraining order on perpetrator regarding the client	38
Recommendation of eviction of perpetrator	42
Recommendation of restitution by perpetrator	66
Recommendation of other legal remedy	68
No crime committed	977
None	2493

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### Interagency Coordination

Agency	Total
Law enforcement or prosecutorial offices (includes DCI, County Attorney, Local Law Enforcement)	446
Protection and Advocacy or Client Advocacy Program (CAP) such as Disability Rights Iowa, Iowa Civil Rights Commission, and the Equal Opportunity Commission, Federal Department of Labor	15
State licensing agency (Department of Inspections & Appeals, Department of Public Health, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise)	43
State Medicaid Fraud Control (MFCU)	3
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	6
Office of the Substitute Decision Maker	54
AAA/ADRC	77
Crime Victim Assistance Program	2
Child Action Center	1
Iowa Workforce Development, Division of Labor Services	1
State Fire Marshall's Office	2
None	2611
Other	230